

Reagan 'concerned' over Lebanon

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan has reaffirmed his support for a ceasefire in Lebanon and the removal of all foreign troops from the country, Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said Wednesday. "I found the president deeply concerned," Mr. Ali told reporters after a 30-minute meeting with Mr. Reagan at the White House. "He is making every effort to bring about a ceasefire." Mr. Ali added: "I found him convinced that the Lebanese people should be left to themselves to form a strong central government." Secretary of State Alexander Haig, who attended the meeting and joined Mr. Ali in speaking to reporters later, said Mr. Reagan would discuss the Lebanese situation with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin when they meet on Monday at the White House. White House officials had earlier said the meeting was tentative.

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Haig to meet Gromyko, begin on Friday

WASHINGTON (R) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig will meet Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin in separate talks on Friday on superpower relations and Israel's invasion of Lebanon. The State Department plans to see Mr. Begin, said Wednesday they had agreed to a meeting in a telephone conversation Wednesday morning. spokesman Dean Fischer said the Haig-Gromyko talks, which were tentatively set last month, would abraze a "lengthy menu of issues."

Haig urges Israel to avert 'massacre'

ATLANTA CITY (R) — Pope John Paul has appealed to Israel to show magnanimity in Lebanon, saying he feared for those besieged in south Beirut and now fighting a decisive battle. "My thoughts turn particularly to the wretched of Beirut under siege, here the decisive battle is now being fought. It will only produce more blood and useless bloodshed," the pope told 30,000 people at his weekly audience in St. Peter's square on Wednesday. "My prayer is that the bellicose and uncorrupted spirits of the combatants will change... to prevent further loss of human life and, of course, a real massacre."

10 million fund for Lebanon

UWAIT (R) — Arab health ministers decided Wednesday to set up a \$10 million fund to finance relief and medical supplies for civilians in Lebanon following Israel's invasion. A statement said after a two-day meeting the ministers appealed to Syria, the only Arab country bordering Lebanon, to facilitate the passage of relief aid sent by other Arab states to Lebanon. Iraq had complained that Syrian authorities prevented Iraqi relief supplies from entering their territory.

Libya 'seriously' considers intervening in Lebanon

ARIS (R) — Col. Muammar Gaddafi was quoted Wednesday saying that Libya was seriously considering military intervention in Lebanon to counter what he described as a brutal and barbarous invasion by Israeli forces. The Libyan leader made the statement in an interview with the US-based magazine *Africa World*. Copies were made available in advance of Monday's publication. Col. Gaddafi was quoted saying: "Libya is thinking seriously of intervening with its forces in Lebanon, whatever the consequences. After all, it is not our duty to defend a member country of the Arab League? Protecting the lives, the refugee camps, the people, is that not legitimate?"

Iranian troops arrive in Lebanon

RUSSELS (R) — The Brussels bureau of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said Wednesday Iranian troops had arrived in Beirut to help resist the Israeli attack on Lebanon. It said in a statement that the PLO Political Department in Beirut informed it by Wednesday by telephone of the arrival of the first contingent of Iranian soldiers. Eighty members of the Iranian Majlis (parliament) have volunteered to fight with the PLO in Lebanon, Iranian national news agency IRNA reported from Tehran.

Pain, Honduras raw 1-1

ALENCIA, Spain (R) — Spain drew Honduras 1-1 in their World Cup Group Five match Wednesday night. Honduras led 0 at halftime. Scorers: Honduras: Hector Zelazky (seventh minute). Spain: Robert Lopez (Penalty, 66th).

King urges world leaders to bring peace to Lebanon

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday night sent messages to French President Francois Mitterrand and U.S. President Ronald Reagan, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, European Economic Community President Gaston Thorn.

Occupation authorities dismiss town councils

TEL AVIV (R) — The Israeli occupation authorities dismissed the Arab town councils in Nablus and Dura on the occupied West Bank Tuesday, Israeli Radio said. As a result of the "setback" Palestinian forces had suffered in Lebanon, there was more chance of finding "moderate" Palestinians to run councils, it reported. An Israeli officer was placed temporarily in charge in Nablus, the largest town on the West Bank, and Dura will be run by a brother of Mustafa Duda, the leader of the Israeli-backed West Bank village leagues, the report said.

Jordan to get U.N. wheat

ROME (R) — The World Food Programme, an agency of the United Nations food and agricultural organization, has said it will send drought relief aid worth over a million dollars to Jordan. Wheat worth \$1.4 million will go to 150,000 people in Jordan, where drought has affected 40 per cent of wheat sown in the east of the country.

Abducted Jordanian students recite most traumatic experience

By Samira Kassar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The ordeal of 55 Jordanian students at the American University of Beirut (AUB) ended Tuesday evening as they arrived in Amman by plane from Larnaka following the hijacking of their ship, sailing from the Lebanese port of Jounieh to Larnaka, by Israeli warships Saturday night. Some of these students told the Jordan Times that following the decision to postpone second semester final examinations at the AUB, some 25 Jordanian students decided to make their way to the port of Jounieh on Thursday in the hope of finding a ship bound for Cyprus as all other routes leaving the city had been blocked. In Jounieh, they were also joined by other students of different nationalities—American, British, Somali, Pakistani, Ethiopian—and some other Jordanian students from the Beirut University College (BUC).

Permission to leave

Upon arrival at Jounieh, they found that the Israelis were preventing ships from leaving the port. After intensified contacts by the AUB acting president through the American embassy in Beirut, permission was secured for the students to leave on board a cargo ship *Edy*, bound for Larnaka. The ship left at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, carrying on board 300 passengers, mostly students and five or six foreign businessmen. They were warned before leaving that they might be intercepted by Israeli warships to have their permits checked, but they had not been prepared for what was to follow.

Radio jammed

Two hours after the ship had left Jounieh and darkness had fallen, radio communications between the Egyptian captain of the ship and the port authorities in Jounieh were jammed by the Israelis, and an Israeli warship flashed its lights at the ship and radioed it to stop. An Arab student with American nationality had been named by the AUB as spokesman in case of interception by Israeli warships. The Israelis ordered him over the radio to "await further orders."

As a result of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and emphasised the need for a total withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanese territory, an end to Israeli aggression and its expansionist plans that threaten the region's stability and security. The messages also explained to these leaders the dimension of the human tragedy that resulted from the Israeli invasion.

Nablus Mayor Bassem Al Sha'ka and Ramallah Mayor Karim Khalef were dismissed in March during disturbances which followed the dissolution of the El Bireh town council. The mayors, supporters of the PLO, charged Israel with trying to perpetuate its rule in the occupied Arab territories.

Aid worth \$740,000 for food and transport will go to 152,000 people in Benin to alleviate the effects of poor rainfall, the programme said. Maize or wheat worth \$2.1 million also will be sent to Mozambique, where drought at sowing time and floods in February have caused food shortages.

Following half an hour of tense waiting, the Israeli warship radioed a message allowing the *Edy* to proceed to Larnaka.

Troubles queue up

However, the students' troubles were far from over. One hour later, the Israeli warship made another appearance, stopped the ship, and ordered the ship's captain and the American student spokesman to stand by for transfer to the Israeli warship. Soon, a rubber boat with three armed Israeli soldiers rowed up to the ship and took away the student and the captain. Another one-hour tense wait ensued, following which the captain of the ship was returned alone to the ship, and three Jordanian students—two young men and a girl—were taken to the Israeli warship for interrogation.

Interrogation

The Jordan Times learned that these three students were asked personal questions which seemed meaningless, and were held in one of the ship's cabins all night without being allowed to communicate with each other. Meanwhile, the cargo ship carrying the rest of the students began to move along the Lebanese coast southwards, and the students knew that their course had been diverted and that they were not heading for Cyprus.

All passengers on board were ill-prepared for spending the night on the deck of a cargo ship with hardly any food and practically no proper sanitary facilities. The luckier ones had sleeping bags with them to mitigate the experience of sleeping on the ship's dirty deck floor. As dawn broke, the students were able to see the Israeli warship, which was following them to their unknown destination, and the four students on board the Israeli ship were allowed to rejoin their comrades. An order was then given that all cameras on board were to be handed over if the students "ever wanted to see Larnaka again." As the ship neared the coast of Palestine the students ascertained from the captain that they were

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Nicolae Ceausescu

Romanian president arrives today

AMMAN (J.T.) — Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu is due here Thursday for an official visit to Jordan. He will hold talks with His Majesty King Hussein and senior government officials on issues of common interest to Romania and Jordan in general and recent developments in the Middle East region in particular. Also to be discussed are means of bolstering bilateral relations. The Romanian president will be accompanied by a delegation of several senior Romanian officials.

Visit to Iraq

Earlier Wednesday, Mr. Ceausescu left Bucharest for an official visit to Iraq—his second trip to the Middle East in three weeks—the official news agency Agerpres said. Mr. Ceausescu, the

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Battle for Beirut appears nearer

LONDON (Agencies) — Israeli forces advanced in the hills above Beirut and shelled its southern suburbs Wednesday amid signs that the Palestinian forces were reorganising their positions in the face of the reported Israeli siege of the Lebanese capital.

More than 5,000 commandos and their Lebanese leftist allies have been preparing to face an onslaught by the Israeli forces which invaded Lebanon 10 days ago to attack strongpoints of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

The crash of heavy artillery resounded over the battle zone as Lebanese politicians held apparently inconclusive talks on the crisis fomented by the Israeli invasion.

President Reagan's special envoy, Philip Habib, met leaders of various Lebanese factions while most of the cabinet conferred at the presidential palace in Baabda, a hill village now occupied by Israeli troops.

The military command in Tel Aviv reported a lull in the battle around Beirut. It said there was no resumption of Tuesday night's artillery duels which put new pressure on a proclaimed ceasefire with the Palestinians and Syrian troops.

Wazzan, Arafat confer

State-run Beirut Radio said later that Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan conferred with a PLO delegation headed by Chairman Yasser Arafat in one of the highest-level meetings between the Palestinians and the government since the invasion. Israel claimed Tuesday that Mr. Arafat had taken refuge in the Soviet embassy in Beirut.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin, now in New York, sent a message to cabinet colleagues telling them to ignore hints in the American media that he would not be allowed to see President Reagan unless Israel "behaves" in Lebanon.

He told fellow ministers to go on doing whatever was required "for the sake of the security of Israel".

Kuwait meanwhile renewed a call for an urgent meeting of Arab foreign ministers to prepare the ground for a summit conference on Israel's invasion of Lebanon.

Military sources in Tel Aviv reported signs that the Palestinians were reorganising their positions.

Israeli officials brushed aside questions on whether their latest troop deployments were designed to link up with right-wing Falangists who control East Beirut.

The commandos are sandwiched between the Israelis, the Falangists and the Mediterranean Sea.

Push on Shweifat

Lebanese security sources said the Israelis had pushed forward into the Science College in the village of Shweifat, about one kilometre from Beirut Airport, after many hours of fighting with the commandos and their leftist Lebanese allies.

The Palestine news agency WAFA said however that the

Arab League appeals to Soviet Union

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The Arab League said Wednesday it had appealed to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev to "undertake the utmost efforts to halt the savage massacre being perpetrated by Israel" in Lebanon. Chadi Klibi, secretary-general of the 22-member Tunis-based league, said in the appeal that because the Soviet Union had significant relations with most Arab states and opposed confrontation and occupation it had a "special responsibility towards Israel's measures of annihilation." He also said in the message, published by the league's U.N. office, that a "decisive and effective international stance by the Soviet Union will restore the confidence and hope of the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples now facing extermination." Mr. Klibi urged Mr. Perez de Cuellar to make urgent efforts through the United Nations and its member states in order to help end the "criminal Israeli onslaught and acts of extermination".

commando forces had foiled the Israeli advance, destroying two armoured vehicles and killing more than 12 Israeli soldiers. Israeli soldiers told correspondents visiting the Shweifat area today that Syrian troops, who have been stationed in Lebanon as a peacekeeping force since the country's 1975-76 civil war, were also holding positions in the village.

It was not clear whether the Syrians had been involved in the fighting, which erupted late Tuesday after a day of relative quiet. The Syrians agreed on a ceasefire with the Israelis five days ago and since then there have been no confirmed reports of them taking part in any military action.

Syria rules out pullout

Official Syrian sources said Tuesday Israel had asked the all-Syrian Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) to pull out of Beirut. The ruling party newspaper *Al Baath* said the ADF was in Lebanon with the consent of the Lebanese government and could only be withdrawn on an official request from the legitimate authorities.

Israeli officials have indicated that Israel is laying down tough conditions for a pullout from Lebanon, including withdrawal of all Syrian troops from the country and the neutralisation of the Palestinians.

Mr. Habib held separate meetings with Bashir Gemayel, the commander of the rightist militia, and one of Lebanon's traditional Sunni Muslim leaders, Saeb Salam.

There were no immediate details of the talks. The PLO meanwhile reported clashes between its forces and Israeli forces in orchards outside the southern ports of Sidon and Tyre. Palestinian strongholds which have been badly battered by Israeli attacks.

Lebanese government attempts to deal with the crisis appeared only to accentuate the bitter divisions between right and left and

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Saudis demand intensified U.S. action

RIYADH (R) — U.S. Vice-President George Bush left for home Wednesday bearing a warning from Saudi Arabian leaders that U.S.-Arab ties would suffer if Washington failed to move to do end the Lebanese crisis.

Mr. Bush said the new Saudi monarch, King Fahd, "impressed on me the depth of feeling he and the Saudi people have about the Lebanese situation."

"I indicated our government's desire to have the benefit in the days ahead of their (the Saudi's) counsel," he said in an airport statement at the end of his 18-hour visit.

Mr. Bush came to Saudi Arabia

to convey President Reagan's condolences at the death on Sunday of King Khaled.

But his trip, coinciding with renewed fighting between Israeli forces and Palestinian forces in Lebanon, became a forum for Saudi leaders to state their view that Washington was not doing enough to restrain its ally, Israel.

The Saudi foreign minister, Prince Saud Al Faisal, warned earlier that Israel's actions threatened to give the impression that the Reagan administration was ineffective in checking the Zionist state's "aggression against the Arab World."

The Saudis' emphasis was "stop

the killing," Mr. Bush told a questioner.

He refused to discuss any form of pressure the United States might put on Israel.

Mr. Bush said the stationing of U.S. ground troops in southern Lebanon was not ruled out, but that it was a complex issue. Israel is reported to be seeking a U.S. military presence in southern Lebanon to prevent Palestinian forces coming within artillery range of its territory.

Prince Saud said the United States should cut off military aid to Israel, if necessary, to persuade it to abide by U.N. Security Council resolutions.

Israel seeks non-U.N. Lebanon force

PARIS (R) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Wednesday that the multinational force which Israel seeks to keep the peace in the Lebanon should not be under the control of the United Nations.

Mr. Shamir outlined Israel's requirements for the force at a news conference at the end of a three-day visit which he has devoted to explaining Israel's invasion of Lebanon.

Cooperation of a new Lebanese government was a condition for a peace-keeping force acceptable to Israel, Mr. Shamir said, repeating the Israeli view that its invasion had improved the chances for stability in the country.

He said Israel wanted the multi-national force composed of countries having diplomatic relations with Israel, along the lines of the 11-nation force stationed in the Sinai under the Camp David agreements.

"We would prefer a multinational force that is not under the control of the United Nations because we do not have confidence in that organisation, which is automatically anti-Israeli," he said.

Mr. Shamir excluded the possibility that the Soviet Union or Syria could contribute to the proposed force, which would have the task of preventing the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) forces operating in the area next to the Israeli border.

Kreisky blasts 'semi-fascist' Israeli government

VIENNA (R) — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky described Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government as semi-fascist and said the situation in Lebanon and the Middle East could involve the Soviet Union and the United States.

Dr. Kreisky told French journalists he would discuss Israel's invasion of Lebanon with French President Francois Mitterrand, who is due to begin a two-day visit to Austria Wednesday night.

"I think the situation is extremely dangerous, because if the Israeli army will really be involved in war operations against the Syrians, then the Soviet Union, being aligned with Syria, cannot accept that. And I fear this will lead to an acceleration and escalation of the war because the U.S. will also become involved," he said.

The Jewish-born chancellor added: "For me the Israeli government is a semi-fascist government. When a government begins a war and conducts such a policy, it is a semi-fascist government."

Dr. Kreisky said he would discuss the situation with President Mitterrand, although the two leaders are known to differ on the matter.

"I know we differ and that there are nuances between President

Mitterrand and myself," Dr. Kreisky said. "We do not always use the same expressions, but in principle I believe we are agreed there should be no war, certainly not to start a war in that manner."

From Paris, President Mitterrand has appealed to Israel to end the war in Lebanon. Dr. Kreisky said Mr. Mitterrand enjoyed high esteem in Israel, "and I hope he will be heard."

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Britain seeks total end to Falklands hostilities

LONDON (R) — Britain has stepped up the pressure on Argentina for a commitment to cease all hostilities over the Falkland Islands with a grim warning about the plight of nearly 15,000 Argentine prisoners of war.

Rear Admiral John Woodward, commander of the British task force that took the Argentine troops prisoner on Monday, said hundreds could die from malnutrition, hypothermia and disease unless Argentina declared an immediate end to hostilities.

His message was released by the government as it awaited a reply from the military junta in Buenos Aires to its demand for a total cessation of hostilities following the surrender of the Argentine troops on the South Atlantic islands.

A highly-placed government source said there had still been no

confirmation from the junta that it accepted this demand.

"We are maintaining pressure diplomatically," the source said. But Buenos Aires maintained its demand for negotiations with Britain on sovereignty over the Falklands as a condition for a lasting peace in the archipelago.

President Leopoldo Galtieri spoke to the nation Wednesday night to announce the end of the battle for the islands' capital but he did not use the word "surrender."

Gen. Galtieri said London should accept the situation in the archipelago could never be the same after its seizure by Argentine forces on April 2.

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THE GOLD CARD COMES TO JORDAN

On Monday, June 14, Mr. Adnan Darwaza, general manager of the Jordan-Gulf Bank, signed an agreement with American Express International, whereby the Jordan-Gulf Bank would become the first bank in Jordan to offer the prestigious American Express Gold Card.

The Gold Card is the world's most highly prized and sought after credit card. It merges the broad range of services offered by Jordan-Gulf Bank with the worldwide capabilities of American Express to provide a unique combination of international financial services unmatched by any other card.

Dr. Suzanne Zir'mut-Black
Special to the Jordan Times

...strongly believes that many people with licences are untrained and that drivers do not learn to drive safely. "I would not get a licence with

Mr. HindiyeH points out that traffic education from an early age

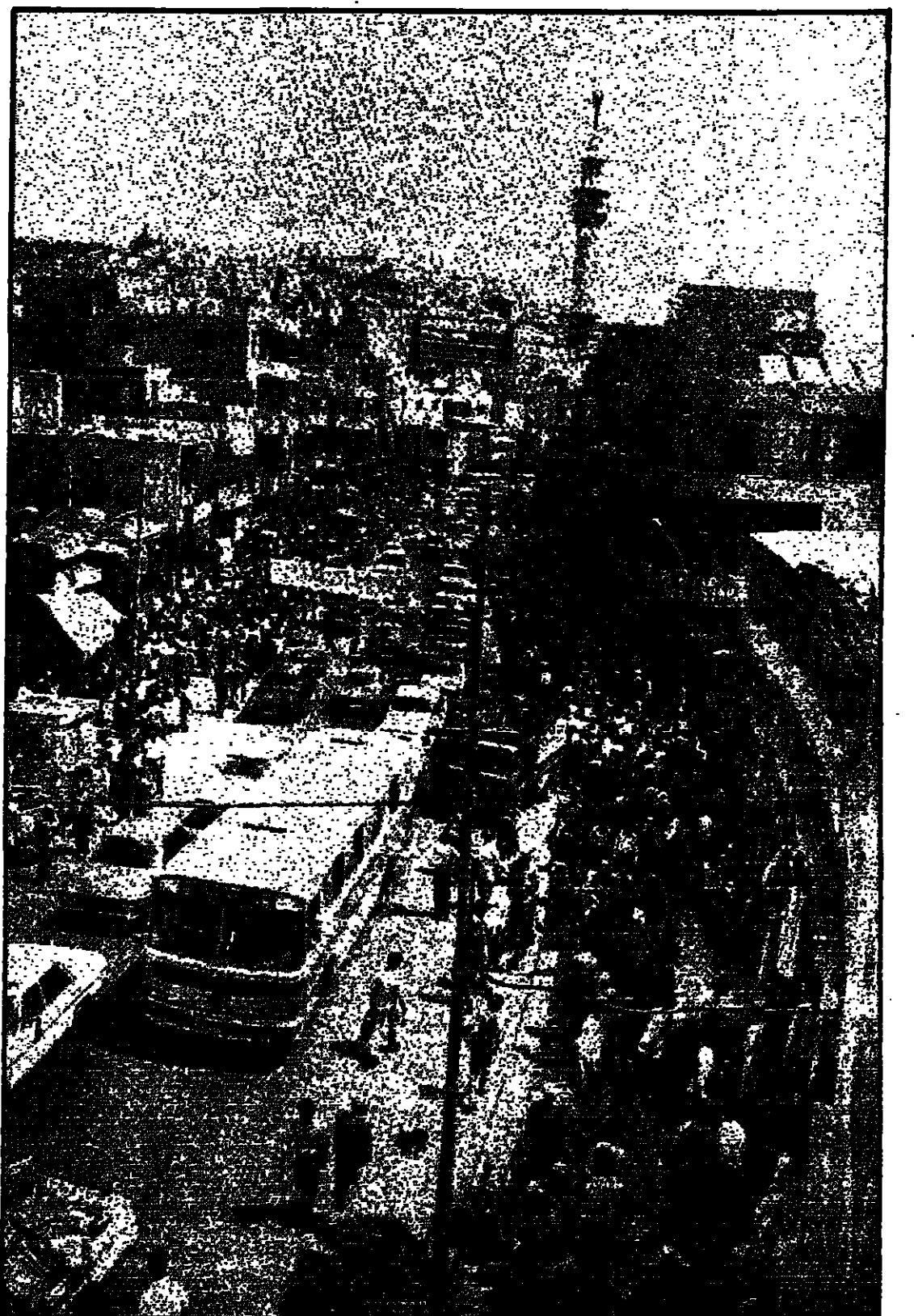
le commends the enthusiasm with which the subject is covered

The policeman himself, however, is a source of controversy. Mr. Jawad, for example is "relatively impressed by the level of policemen everywhere. They are forceful, mobile, humane and quite good. The problem is that you can't have a policeman on every corner to catch people breaking the law."

For his part, Mr. Hindiyyeh points out that 75 per cent of the roads have already been paved but that they are still not adequate. He thinks that some problems can be improved such as the use of warning and directional signs. "The problem has been aggravated the last two years by the diggings that have to be carried out for services in the municipalities. Once this is through, it will solve a big problem," he said and added that the planned ring roads in Amman, some already under construction, will ease the problem.

Along the same line, Mr. Hindiye, who is a traffic engineer himself, stresses that "it is not enough to give general figures. The who, what, when and where of motor vehicle accidents must

A cheery note to end on is the fact that in 1976 Jordan ranked the fifth worst country in the world concerning the number of accidents when compared to the number of vehicles, but in 1980 it was the eleventh worst. Does that tell the professionals something?



Figures show that 60 per cent of road casualties are pedestrians and that most of these are under 20 years old.

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Randa Habib's CORNER

Radar and solidarity

The installation of radar controlled speed monitors strangely reminds me of a game like hide and seek we used to play at school. We called it cat and mouse. It is amusing to note on the large avenues (where one enjoys speeding) how disciplined the drivers become at the mere suspicion of a police car equipped with a radar. One acts like the perfect driver driving at 40 kilometres an hour even though the speed limit is 60.

A spirit of solidarity prevails; one gives signals. If an absent minded driver speeds a bit, his colleagues, lights flashing, try to warn him: "Beware the police is watching".

One day, while driving on the highway that goes from Shmeisani to Jabal Amman I was surprised to see four men on the side of the road gesticulating and indicating an inconspicuous white Mercedes parked a few meters away. It did not take me long to understand that it was the radar and I drove slowly to avoid a ticket not forgetting to thank my unknown saviours.

A lady friend of mine was less lucky. Having noticed that many cars coming from the opposite side were flashing their lights this lady parked her car and after inspecting her tyres, doors and plates, drove on somewhat surprised. "What did they want?"

Later a policeman asked her to park and explained to her that she was driving faster than the speed limit at which this lady remarked innocently:

"Now I understand why all those drivers were flashing their lights; and I thought that I had a flat tyre...."

The policeman couldn't but smile.

CORRECTION

AMMAN (J.T.) — On Tuesday June 15, the Jordan Times published a news brief under the title: Excavations start in Irbid, stating that the American Theological and Antiquities Institute will be organising for Roman relics in the governorate. The correct name of the institute is the Covenant Theological Seminary. The Jordan Times apologises for this error.

Japan gives broadcast cars to Jordan TV

AMMAN (J.T.) — The government of Japan granted to the Jordan T.V. two ENG (Electronic News Gathering) broadcast vehicles worth 55 million yen, that is, approximately \$220,000.

The ENG broadcast vehicles, equipped with video cameras, video tape recorders and communication units, will be used for field production and educational purposes.

At the ceremony of the presentation of the Vehicles, which was held Wednesday at the Jordan TV, Ambassador Keiichi Tachibana handed keys of the Vehicles to Mohammad Kamal, director-general of the Jordan Television Corporation.

Goods in transit may stay 48 hours

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Finance and Customs Wednesday announced an extension period for goods passing in Jordan in transit to 48 hours instead of the present 24 hours. According to Under Secretary Adel Al Qubah this step will further facilitate the transportation of goods through Jordanian territory.

He said this applies to goods passing in transit through the border posts of Ramtha, Al Umari, Al Ramtha and H-4.

Hassan tours industrial projects in Ma'an

MA'AN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Wednesday made an inspection tour of projects in Ma'an Governorate and met with officials who briefed him on the progress of work going on at these projects.

Starting his tour with a visit to the cement factory at Rashadiyeh, Prince Hassan proceeded to Taffila and then to Ma'an where he met with its governor and heard a briefing by the director of the Ma'an Urban Region Planning Department Abdullah Al Buchari on his department's activities and the projects to be implemented in the governorate.

At the meeting Prince Hassan stressed the need for establishing small industries and medium sized industries in rural regions of Ma'an Governorate. He also underlined the need for establishing housing projects for workers employed on the different developmental projects, particularly those employed at the phosphate mines at Rashadiyeh. The meeting was attended by Ma'an Governor, its mayor and senior officials and heads of government departments in the Ma'an.

Afterwards, Prince Hassan made an inspection visit to the Hittiyeh-Aqaba railway station and was briefed by officials on the nature of the services offered and on the railway's contribution to the development of the region's economy.

He also visited the glass factory in Ma'an and concluded his tour with a visit to Al 'Araja agricultural station.

Vegetable growing banned in waste water irrigated land

ZARQA (Petra) — The agricultural department here Wednesday announced a total ban on growing vegetables on land irrigated by waste water.

It said that on such land farmers can grow barley, soya beans, oats and maize and other types of animal feed and fruit and forest trees excluding vines.

According to Department Director Irfan Rawhi this measure has been taken after the Zarqa River water had been found to be polluted. Waste water from factories along Zarqa River has been leaking to the river, he said.

Mr. Rawhi said that his department has assigned regions that can be planted with vegetables and which are watered from springs and artesian wells that have been proved to be clean and unpolluted in accordance with Health Ministry regulations.

Jordanian contractor donates JD 60,000 to Lebanon victims

AMMAN (Petra) — A total of JD 85,510 was collected by the Nabhus Governorate Charitable Society to relieve victims of the current Israeli invasion of Lebanon. The figure, announced Tuesday night at a popular gathering, includes JD 60,000 donated by Mr. Issa Rizk Al Masri who also pledged to build a home to house 50 children whose parents were killed in the fighting.

Several people spoke at the popular gathering deploring the Syrian regime's stand in abandoning the Palestinian and Lebanese fighters in Lebanon. They also called for solidarity among various Arab ranks to confront the Zionist expansionist designs in the Arab World.

Amman Governor Yahya Al Mousili Wednesday formed committees to collect donations from East and West Amman for the

Palestinian and Lebanese people affected by the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. The two committees will embark on their task immediately and will issue receipts for any donations handed to them before depositing the funds at the Central Bank.

Zarqa
In Zarqa, it was announced that the special Chamber of Commerce Committee charged with collecting donations for the same cause has collected JD 10,000 in financial and in-kind donations. The committee also Wednesday held a meeting with representatives of Zarqa merchants to coordinate the process of collecting donations. The committee is being assisted in this task by the General Union of Voluntary Societies branch in Zarqa.

Aqaba
In Aqaba several committees have

been formed to collect donations and they embarked on their task immediately. Also in Aqaba a popular conference was held Wednesday at which several prominent figures spoke in support of the Palestinian and Lebanese people praising their courage and steadfastness in the face of Israel's invasion of Lebanon. The main speaker was Aqaba District Governor Ahmad Al Qur'ah. At the conference donors offered JD 18,420 and workers of the Jordan Ports Corporation pledged one day's pay, amounting to JD 17,000, to the victims of the Israeli invasion.

Karak
In Karak, Governor Diab Yusef chaired a meeting to discuss the collection of donations. Representatives of trade unions in the city were among those who attended the meeting.

JD 3.62m contract signed to improve telephone services

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Telecommunications Corporation signed on Wednesday an agreement with the Japanese company Nishio Iwai to carry out a JD 3.62m project to enlarge and improve telephone services in Amman and Aqaba.

According to the agreement Nishio Iwai, the main contracting company, will install a complete modern electronic exchange with a capacity of 30,000 telephone lines that can be increased to 60,000 lines in future to service central Amman and parts of Jabal Amman, Jabal Al Hussein, Jabal

Luwibdeh, Jabal Al Qusour, Jabal Al Nuzha and Al Mahatta Street. The new exchange will support the 20,000-line semi-electronic exchange which the corporation contracted recently to service central Amman at a cost of JD 1.8 million, which will be paid by the government of Jordan.

The new electronic exchange will be installed within 28 months at a cost of JD 3.62 million to be paid by the second Japanese loan. The project will also include the installation of a 5,000-line exchange, at a cost of JD 1.9 million to replace the electro-

mechanical exchange currently servicing Aqaba. This exchange will be financed by the second Japanese loan and will be completed within 27 months.

The agreement was signed by Telecommunications Minister, Chairman of the Telecommunications Corporation Board Mohammad Addoub Al Zaben, and for the Nishio Iwai its Electric Section President Minamisaka. The signing of agreement was witnessed by Mr. Yashida, manager of the Jordan branch of Fujitsu Ltd., which will manufacture the equipment.

Battle for Beirut

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Among various religious sects which have led to two civil wars since independence in 1943. A cabinet meeting was called on Wednesday morning. But two

ministers close to leftist leader Walid Junblatt, who is also the head of the Druze in Lebanon, did not attend.

Walid Junblatt himself is trapped behind Israeli lines at his rambling mansion in Moukhtara.

Abducted students

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around for Haifa, and an Israeli helicopter hovered overhead. When the ship docked at Haifa 3 p.m. Friday, 15 Israeli soldiers, six of them heavily armed, boarded the ship and searched it thoroughly. Students were then grouped together according to their nationalities, and made to sit for about two hours, following which each student was summoned alone into two of the ship's cabins successively for interrogation by two officers, the conduct of whom recorded their answers.

Questions varied from student to student. One common question was whether there were any members of the Palestinian resistance movement amongst the passengers. Many students were also asked if they were affiliated to any political parties. Other questions seemed very senseless, and mostly concentrated on each of the stu-

dents' family and social connections, the students told the Jordan Times.

Ten hours later, after the ship had refuelled and the students had been fed, the ship was allowed to set sail for Larnaka, where it arrived at dawn on Tuesday.

On arrival at Larnaka, the students found out that they had been declared missing for three days. They were met by the Jordanian consul, a representative from Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline and the Red Cross, which helped the students telex their worried parents and phone Beirut.

At 5 p.m. Tuesday, the 55 Jordanian students were flown out of Larnaka by Alia, and arrived at Amman Airport at 6 p.m. They were met by Interior Ministry officials, and a host of worried parents, whose overwhelming emotional reaction at seeing their children safely back in Jordan was the culmination of the Israeli act of piracy.

Kreisky assails Tel Aviv

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The Austrian chancellor described himself as an agnostic and said he was opposed to Zionism because it was a form of extreme nationalism.

He said he was a friend of both the Israelis and the Arabs although he knew he was much hated in Israel.

The chancellor, the first Western leader to receive Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat and to recognise a PLO representative in Vienna, said he had contacts with people in and outside Beirut, including Palestinians, as recently as Tuesday.

"But I also have contacts with people in Israel who are opposed to war," he said.

Dr. Kreisky added: "Yes, I am the friend of the Arabs. I am the friend of all young men who are obliged to go to war. I am also the friend of the youth in Israel because I am against war."

Ceausescu expected

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only Soviet bloc leader to maintain diplomatic relations with Israel, paid a two-day visit to Syria last month.

An editorial in the Romanian Communist Party's official newspaper Scinteia Wednesday condemned the aggressive action by Israel in Lebanon.

The newspaper recalled that Mr. Ceausescu recently urged an immediate ceasefire in Lebanon, withdrawal of Israeli troops, and the foundation of an independent Palestinian state.

Aggresses said the visits to Iraq and Jordan would contribute to developing Romania's multilateral cooperation with the two countries as well as with other Arab states.

Amman-Bucharest ties

The Romanian president's meeting with King Hussein will be the fourth since 1974 when the two leaders first met in Bucharest. They also met in 1975 in Amman, and later in 1980 they met again in Bucharest.

Trade and Economic relations between Romania and Jordan have been developing over the past year. Romania is the third biggest importer of Jordanian phosphates, and quite a substantial number of Romanian experts and technicians are employed in several Jordanian projects being implemented with Romanian assistance.

A Romanian company is undertaking the implementation of the third phase of a project for expanding the Jordan Refinery Company, another is carrying out the second part of the national grid, extending powerlines from Amman to Aqaba and another project for connecting Aqaba power-lines with Karak.

According to a Romanian embassy spokesman about 2,800 Jordanian students now study in Romanian universities and one third of that number receive Romanian government grants.

Furthermore, quite a substantial number of Jordanian citizens visit Romania annually as tourists.

Work starts on Ramtha-Mafraq highway bridge

IRBID (Petra) — The Ministry of Public Works has started implementing the interchange project along the Ramtha-Jerash-Mafraq and Irbid roads in the northern regions.

The JD 1.25 million project entails the construction of a bridge for free traffic flowing from Jerash towards Ramtha and vice versa and will serve traffic flowing from Irbid to Mafraq.

The director of the project says the bridge will be five metres high and is designed to bear heavy load under various circumstances. This project is bound to reduce the number of road accidents in that region, he said.

Communications seminar ends

AMMAN (Petra) — A seminar preparing for the international governmental conference on the policies of communications in Arab countries ended here Wednesday.

Recommendations passed at the final session, chaired by Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, called among other things, for extensive use of technology in communications and in the use of television as a means of education and in teacher training. They called for the establishment of communication systems to serve neighbouring Arab states located in different regions having common interests and goals, and also called on Arab states to use the Arab Satellite Communication Organisation (Arabsat) project for strengthening cooperation among Arab states in the field of communications.

Bulgarian delegation visits Yarmouk University campus

IRBID (Petra) — A visiting Bulgarian press delegation Wednesday called at Yarmouk University and met with its president Adnan Badran.

Dr. Badran briefed the delegation on the development of the university, its programmes and future plans. The delegation toured the university's various sections and met with officials.

The delegation members earlier toured the ancient Roman city of Jerash and Baqa'a refugee camp.

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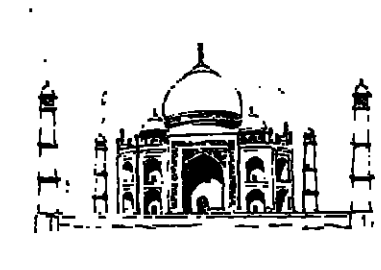
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Will the crudeness ever cease?

THOSE WESTERN leaders who are turning their attention once again to the Palestinian-Israeli confrontation, in the wake of the Israeli occupation of Lebanon, would do well to step back a moment from the day-to-day conflict and reassess in larger terms the precise nature of the Israeli state and its relations with it. The contrast between the fatuous hypocrisy of American government statements this week and the more realistic and balanced statements of European leaders should serve as a good starting point.

It is unbelievably crude for the spokesman of the United States State Department to have said two days ago that "we find it deplorable that violence should take the lives of so many people" in Lebanon, when it is the steady flow of American guns, money and Security Council vetoes for Israel that allows and encourages the destruction and killing that Israel has imposed on Palestinians and Lebanese once again this week. While the American gov-

ernment is in shamefully tacit agreement with Israel about the need to make all of Lebanon an unofficial autonomous territory under Israeli-American tutelage, the Europeans, particularly the French and British, have been stating in public that the longer term solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict can only be based on the establishment of a Palestinian homeland or state that stems from a process of Palestinian self-determination.

The point that the West needs to agree upon in the long term is whether it wants Israel to remain as a runaway militaristic power forever trying to kill or enslave every one of the four million Palestinians on earth, or whether Israel will one day have to live according to the common rules of humanity. The consequence of the present situation continuing indefinitely is simply indefinite warfare and death, fuelled by the crudeness of American politicians.

JORDAN'S ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Rai: International community stays idle

His Majesty King Hussein on Wednesday called for the second time on superpower leaders and the international community to deter the Zionist invasion of Lebanese territories and to put an end to the grave dangers threatening the Lebanese and the Palestinian people, and the people of the region as a whole. The King's persistence reflects a deep understanding of the dimensions of the conspiracy being implemented through the Zionist invasion. It also reflects the King's divining the importance of the time factor in any international efforts exerted for this purpose.

It is no longer a secret that superpowers are a party to the conspirator. These powers are openly trying to give the invading Zionist forces adequate time to achieve all their aggressive goals. These superpowers are trying to hide their collaboration by a mask of statements and diplomatic contacts

which, they allege, are aimed at pressing Israel to stop its aggression and the shedding of Palestinian and Lebanese blood.

Continuing its war of extermination against the people who are defending their land and existence, Israel appears to be very assured that the international community will not adopt an effective action until it realises its objectives. The international efforts which will follow will concentrate on bestowing international legitimacy to the military and political gains achieved by the Zionist aggression.

The superpowers do not seem interested or concerned about what is happening to the people who are being massacred. The only thing these superpowers will do is to sorrow after the annihilation of the Palestinian people. They might offer survivors some bread crumbs.

Al Dustour: Law of the jungle once again

His Majesty King Hussein sent on Wednesday a new message to a number of European and U.S. officials alerting them to the gravity of the tragedy which has transcended human limits due to the barbaric aggression launched by Israel on the Palestinians and the Lebanese people. The King also drew their attention to the grave dangers threatening the region and the world because they are closing their eyes to the indescribable violations being committed by Israel against the Lebanese and the Palestinian people, particularly the Zionist premeditated crimes against the material and human existence of the unarmed persons of both peoples.

Peace and justice are moral and cultural responsibilities; hence the international community has evinced some understanding of the reality of the massacre being committed by the

Israeli invaders. This understanding has been evident at the meetings of the United Nations General Assembly. It has also been evident and crystal clear in the United Nations Security Council's resolutions calling for a ceasefire and for the withdrawal of the invading Israeli forces.

Israel has disarmed and attacked UNIFIL forces in Lebanon. It has also turned a deaf ear to all Security Council resolutions. And whenever the United Nations tries to do something to fend off the danger, it is faced with the U.S. veto which supports Israeli aggression and crimes. The U.S. veto has always been the only reaction Washington showed towards the crimes committed by the Israeli Nazis and Fascists. What will happen after all these massacres? What destiny is awaiting the world? Is the law of the jungle going to reign once again?

RED & BLACK

The Brandt Commission Report

By Jawad Ahmad

Willy Brandt, the ex-Chancellor of West Germany, has been, since he left office, quite an important figure in the world's intellectual circles. He is a prominent personality in the world socialist parties conferences. To top that, he has headed a 17-man team which worked diligently through World Bank facilities and fine conferences to produce the very important document referred to as the "Brandt Commission Report." Since its publication more than a year ago, the report has been the centre of attention of many academic circles and research force.

The Report deals mainly with the current international economic situation, and casts very gloomy shadows over its future should it continue to be

so. In its approach, the Report divides the world into two groups: the poor South and the rich North. This is basically a geographical dichotomy with some exceptions. East European countries fall in the North while their economic situation calls for their inclusion with the South. In the South falls Australia and South Africa which are considered for all purposes Northern countries.

In the South, there is overcrowdedness of population and poverty. The per capita income of the individuals in the South is only one twelfth of the per capita income of the North. There are more than 800 million people in the South on the brink of starvation and despair. There are big groups in consumption, production and use of energy.

The relations between South and North are run in favour of the North which enjoys better terms of trade, better financial transfers, and better commodity and factory exports. Therefore, and on the grounds of interdependence and mutual interest there must be certain action taken to ameliorate the current modalities.

Therefore the report sets two types of action that must be taken. Between 1981-85, the world must rush to help the poor by increasing the aid flows, the energy and food situations must also be dealt with by creating an international energy commission patterned after the World Bank, and by enhancing food production. There is a second set of measures which take a

longer range to materialise but which aim at improving the world monetary system, ensuring better mechanisms for the transfer of technology, and regulating the trade relations by putting a tariff on the exports of arms and weaponry.

The report has certain good aspects to it which must be taken with delight and comfort. Yet, it has one basic drawback. It starts from the current prevalent system of world economic order and does not try to alter anything in its basic parameters. It still views a world where the poor will continue to rely on the rich. In other words, the report did not talk of self-reliance as a complementary factor to the more euphemistic appeal of interdependence.

Moreover, one must note

that it has dealt with the energy crisis in a style different from food. While both were considered crisis topics, the report calls for the consumers of energy to participate in a supervisory committee, while food was left for the producers alone to take action on it. Such an asymmetrical treatment might be a remnant of the Kissingerian principles.

The report was a success in the sense that it pushed both North and South leaders to meet in Cancun last October. The very limited success of that conference might have had a dampening effect on the Brandt Commission Report. It will, however, continue to be a landmark on the road towards a new international economic order.



LETTERS

Foreigners can see for themselves

To the Editor:

On Thursday, a friend of mine said: "Arabs have a phobia of what others may think of them, and they allow this phobia virtually to ruin their lives. For instance, an Arab woman who possibly may not keep her house particularly clean, would break her back scrubbing floors and removing dust from every crack and crevice if she learns that guests are coming. Similarly, one of limited means would readily go in debt to buy the best meat for her dinner party, which she would then proceed to force feed to her guests, and generally has a perfectly beastly time of the whole affair just to give her guests a good impression."

Had I heard this remark after I read Randa Habib's letter published in the Jordan Times on June 14, 1982, I would immediately have thought that this is what he was talking about. For, in her diatribe, Lamia does not deny that the ill phenomena described by Randa Habib in her column exist in our society, but she is so embarrassed that they should be printed where foreigners can read about them. As though foreigners fail to notice them in real life and need Randa Habib to "display our dirty linen in public." They do not. We do. For if this process of displaying our dirty linen in public embarrasses the ladies of our society into cleaning their linen, to continue the metaphor rather than hide it and hope that it be not exposed to foreigners, it will have been dirty linen well exposed.

Ali Baker

Sense of humour

To the Editor:

I was surprised to read in your issue of June 14, a letter from a reader signed Lamia that concerns Randa Habib's Corner.

I am personally a big admirer of this column and I wait for it impatiently every Monday and Thursday.

With great humour Miss Habib makes remarks undoubtedly true about various situations.

Her corner on the state of the Amman Airport was in fact one of my favourite and I am astonished at the reaction of your reader Lamia, who seems to have not understood at all the humour of the article.

What about the Egyptians that Lamia seems so keen to defend? Randa Habib just mentioned them without even naming them. Who can deny their existence?

The purpose of the article of Randa Habib was to make us smile (and she succeeds marvelously) on our vicissitudes when we take a plane from Amman airport or when we arrive to Jordan.

I would like to say here to Randa Habib "Bravo for amusing us so nicely and thanks to you also", for the constructive criticism, she points out.

As for Lamia, I would like to tell her that she should read more carefully what is published in the Jordan Times before criticising it.

Thank you for your attention. All the best.

Adel Tabouri
Amman

Real cause of airport problem

To the Editor:

As an Egyptian citizen, I would like to express my thanks to the Jordan Times for giving me the opportunity to comment on one of the topics mentioned in Miss R. Habib's column dated June 7, 1982.

I must emphasise the fact that those bodies sleeping on the ground outside Amman Airport, are the bodies of hard working humans, who happen to be Egyptian citizens, working their guts out to achieve a better standard of living for their families and themselves. No matter how modest, the kind of work they do... No matter how bad, the working conditions are... They never stopped working period.

You must agree with me, that those Egyptian workers, do not enjoy sleeping on the ground. Why we are not more thorough in finding the real cause for the problems we are facing? Is it the airlines fault? Or is it the tourist offices that issue confirmed tickets, knowing beforehand that there are no seats available.

In my opinion, the main role for a newspaper is to expose the current problems and start seeking practical and permanent solutions for them.

Quoting Miss Lamia in her letter to the Editor dated June 14, 1982: "Those Egyptian-Arabs, hard working labourers, the number of coats is irrelevant, period".

Thank you kindly,

Sherif Shalaby

Pointing out our defects

To the Editor:

The obvious criticism of Lamia to Randa Habib's corner is the most unfair one.

The points raised by Lamia are just ridiculous. She says: "Randa Habib has nothing to write about except hang our dirty linen for the foreigners to read."

I think Lamia has forgotten that it takes a self-confident person to be able to laugh at itself.

A good and healthy criticism like the one Randa Habib offers us from time to time in her corner is the best thing that can happen to us. It is by pointing out our defects that we can get better. There is no shame in having weak points. But it seems that Lamia has the "foreigner complex", as she looks so concerned by their opinion. Or let us say simply that Lamia is from those people without any sense of humour.

Hala H

Covering our heads

To the Editor:

I wonder if in her letter Ms. Lamia understood what Randa Habib meant in her article Everybody needs a Holiday.

Randa Habib appears twice a week in her corner bringing relief to our tired minds and at the same time presenting our problems in a humorous, yet objective, fashion.

Is Ms. Lamia preaching the Ostich policy? Does she want us to cover our heads and leave the other part of our anatomy exposed?

I wonder. Thank you

Yousif Elias

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OAPEC aides meet in Tunis

TUNIS (R) — Arab Oil ministers met in Tunis Wednesday for a routine meeting overshadowed by the invasion of Lebanon. But despite Arab resentment against the West for what they regard as its implicit support for Israel, they were not expected to take concrete action like oil sanctions conference sources said. The ministerial meeting of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) is entitled to decide on oil prices and output levels, they said. This was a matter for the Organ-

isation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) which includes non-Arab members, they added.

The absence of Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani at Wednesday conference made it even more unlikely any action would be taken against the West, especially against the United States, the sources said.

They said the conference might last only one day instead of the two originally planned.

Algerian Energy Minister Belkacem Nabi, chairing the meeting,

said in opening the conference it was taking place at a time the Arab world was passing through "difficult circumstances" due to the "savage aggression" against Lebanon.

He refrained from calling for oil sanctions, however.

OAPEC Secretary-General Ali Attiga said he hoped the Arab world would overcome this "ordeal" and manage in future to face "this enemy which violates international law with U.S. protection and blessing."

Israel price index soars

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel's consumer price index jumped 6.2 per cent last month, almost double its rise in May 1981, according to the government's central bureau of statistics.

Inflation is running at over 100 per cent, and economists expect it to top 134 per cent by the end of the year if it continues at last month's pace.

They said the huge outlay of funds to finance the operation in Lebanon will push up inflation.

Soviet industrial output rises

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet industrial output rose by 2.6 per cent in the first five months this year, according to official statistics released Wednesday, but the overall growth target of 4.7 per cent for the year now seems out of reach.

The figures, published by the weekly magazine Ekonomicheskaya Gazeta, showed production was continuing to recover after no growth in the first two months of the year.

But they made clear that there is now virtually no chance of the Soviet economy achieving the overall growth target of 4.7 per cent set out in the government's plan for the year.

A list of production results showed that output in 20 key industries was still below 1981 levels at the end of last month.

But there were some significant successes, above all in the gas industry. Production there amounted to 41.3 billion cubic metres in May compared with 37.2 billion in the same month last year. Gas output for the five-month period from January was up eight per cent on the 1981 equivalent figure.

Talks on textile pact adjourned

BRUSSELS (R) — Hong Kong and the European Economic Community (EEC) have adjourned talks on a new textile agreement, still far apart on the key issue of clothing imports into the community, EEC officials said Wednesday.

Both sides will now consider their positions and resume negotiations in early September, diplomatic sources said.

The EEC said in a statement it had asked Hong Kong for a 12 per cent cutback in quotas of major garment categories, comprising T-shirts, trousers, sweaters, blouses and shirts.

But the Hong Kong negotiator, Trade Commissioner Lawrence Mills, stuck to his earlier bargaining position and rejected any cutback in quotas, the diplomatic sources said.

The talks are part of a series between the EEC and 28 developing countries under the Multifibre Arrangement (MFA), which lays down guidelines for textile agreements between Third World producers and industrialised nations.

The EEC wants to restrict to about one per cent the growth of low-cost textile imports to help industries hard hit by recession and competition from cheaper suppliers.

J.K. considers Falklands' economic potential

LONDON (R) — Britain is eyeing the economic potential of the Falkland Islands now that it has gained them at a price of 250 million pounds, but industry sources are sceptical about prospects for commercial investment.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher argues that, since blood has been shed, the remote, under-developed colony whose 300 people live by selling wool must now be abandoned in isolation.

That course, however, would mean to dictate that the islands could be developed—there may offshore oil—if only to offset costs of a British garrison that cost number 3,000 men.

"There are immense possibilities for development," Mrs. Thatcher says. But bankers and

industrialists are less sure.

They say that if the dispute over sovereignty with Argentina remains unresolved, private cash will be hard to mobilise because investors will fear renewed hostilities.

A 1976 British report on the islands' development regarded close trade links with Argentina as highly important.

Oil potential

The oil industry is in no rush to prospect in the islands.

"The geology suggests there might be oil down there but you will never know until somebody goes out and drills a hole. Who is going to spend money doing that in a war zone?" asked a spokesman with one major oil company.

The 1976 report by Lord Shack-

leton, now being hastily updated, said it could take up to five years of seismic studies and drilling to establish the islands' oil potential and that at least five drilling rigs would be needed.

The industry calculates it would cost 10 to \$15 million to drill one well in the deep Falklands waters, where oil men say weather conditions at their best resemble those of the Anglo-Norwegian North Sea at its most hostile.

In the fishing sector, the British government will re-examine the prospects for exploiting krill, a minute seabed crustacean. But a spokesman for Unilever, a giant British-based company which sent several krill expeditions to the South Atlantic in the 1970s, said Unilever retains a negative view. "We found there is no way you

can catch and process krill in a form which is as cheap as alternative proteins like soya meal," he said.

Several London merchant bankers questioned by Reuters said they knew of no potentially major schemes other than those mooted for oil and krill.

But there are more modest prospects that officials say could be exploited with less cash at risk. The Shackleton Report mentioned fish, other than krill, and prolific beds of seaweed or kelp which give the islanders their nickname—"kelpers."

Chemical derivatives of seaweed extract are used in textiles and food processing. But companies are divided on whether a factory so remote from markets could be competitive.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The market eased Wednesday in the absence of any incentive, dealers said. A power failure in parts of the city of London affected trading. At 1500 the F.T. index was off 0.4 at 570.5.

Government bonds showed net falls of 1/4 point having firmed that much at the outset. Losses among equity leaders only occasionally exceeded a couple of pence, dealers added.

Gold shares turned firmer with the bullion price and North American stocks eased.

Tesco stores finished with a net rise of 7p at 64 after full year results above market expectations while S and W Berisford was 4p up at 135 following interim figures, dealers said.

B.P. and Shell were 4p and 6p lower respectively in easier oils while Blue Circle and Hawker were both 8p off.

Banks and insurances showed losses ranging to 7p.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

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	46.54/57	Belgian francs
	6.7425/75	French francs
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SPORTS

McEnroe, Connors may face trouble on way to projected Wimbledon final

LONDON (R) — Top two seeds John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors should survive their first matches easily enough, but both face potential trouble on the way to their projected meeting in the Wimbledon final on American Independence Day, Sunday July 4.

Tuesday's draw gave the two Americans their assignments for next Monday. McEnroe begins the defence of his title against Van Winitsky, a compatriot 14 days younger, while Connors takes on South African-born Andrew Patison, now a U.S. resident.

But despite the absence of such world class stars as five-time champion Bjorn Borg of Sweden and Czechoslovak Ivan Lendl, neither can expect plain sailing to the final.

McEnroe, 23, should play Polish star Wojtek Fibak, a seed in other years and still a fine player, in round two and Romanian veteran Ilie Nastase in the third round. Big Americans Stan Smith and Hank Pfister lurk as possible later opponents while fourth-seeded compatriot Sandy Mayer is placed to tackle him in the semifinals.

The fiery American will not want to be bothered by the ankle and thigh injuries which have troubled him recently.

Connors, at 29 seeking a second Wimbledon title to go with the one he took in 1974, is fresh from beating McEnroe in the London Grass Court Championship last Sunday. He is enjoying a renaissance of late and likes his chances of win-

ning again. John Alexander of Australia and Frenchman Thierry Tulasne should succumb in the next rounds and then he should face Yannick Noah of France, the tenth seed.

Noah, however, has a tough draw and could fall to South African Kevin Curren before then.

Vitas Gerulaitis, the third-seeded American, is in Connors' half of the draw as a possible semi-final rival, though Gerulaitis is in probably the toughest quarter of the draw and will need all his skill and stamina to survive.

Giant American Chip Hooper, perhaps the most dangerous unseeded player about, is drawn against eighth-seeded Australian Peter McNamara in a section which should produce a quarter-final opponent for Gerulaitis, if he can beat former finalist Roscoe Tanner along the way.

Overall, there seem to be more hard men in Connors' end of the draw than in McEnroe's.

The women's draw has been kind to defending champion Chris Evert Lloyd after her demotion to second seed Tuesday. She should have no trouble reaching the quarter-finals where she could meet Pam Shriver, seeded seventh.

In the quarter above them, evergreen American Billie Jean King, six-times champion and now 38, must like her chances of doing well.

The winner of the Edgbaston Cup event at Birmingham on Sunday, King should have a fourth round against Australian sixth

seed Wendy Turnbull of Australia, whom she could well beat.

Then she would face third-seeded American Tracy Austin, who is having a tough year after a succession of injuries.

At the other end U.S. citizen Martina Navratilova, now the world's finest player and deservedly the top seed, should have a fourth round against Evonne Cawley of Australia, the 1980 champion and 16th seed who can count herself unlucky.

The other quarter-final should be contested by the fourth and fifth seeds, Andrea Jaeger of the United States and Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia, beaten finalist last year.

Merlins Charm wins Jersey Stakes

ASCOT, England (R) — American-bred filly, Merlins Charm, owned by Mr. Robert Sangster, won the Jersey Stakes for three-year-olds run over seven furlongs here Wednesday.

Dr. Steve Bennett's Silly Steven was second and American-bred colt Beldale Lustre owned by Mr. Tony Kelly finished third of 21 runners.

American jockey Steve Cauthen rode Merlins Charm. Greville Starkey was on Silly Steven and Brian Rouse rode Beldale Lustre.

Official starting prices were: 9-1 Merlins Charm, 25-1 Silly Steven, 15-2 Beldale Lustre. Match winner was the 5-1 favourite.

Merlins Charm a bay filly by Bold Bidder out of Lucky Spell by Lucky Mel is trained by Barry Hills at Lambourn, Berkshire, won by three-quarters of a length with half-a-length between second and third.

The race was worth a total of £26,915 (\$48,447) with Mr. Sangster winning £16,432 (\$29,577).

Algeria stuns W. Germany

GUON, Spain (R) — West Germany, champions in 1954 and 1974, were beaten 2-1 by Algeria in a stunning World Cup upset here Wednesday.

The Germans, leading contenders to win the cup, could have no complaints about emerging on the wrong end of one the most unexpected results in World Cup history.

Algeria, appearing in the finals for the first time and given little chance of progressing beyond the first round, won the Group Two game on merit with goals from Rabah Madjer after 53 minutes and Lakhdar Belloumi in the 68th minute. Karl-Heinz Rummenigge scored the German's goal after 67 minutes.

The green-shirted Algerians, who three months ago could finish only fourth in the African Nations Cup, achieved the remarkable dis-

trinction of joining Brazil and reigning World Champions Argentina as the only teams to beat West Germany since the 1978 World Cup.

The Algerians, who realised in the first half they need not be overawed by the West Germans, took the lead eight minutes after the interval through winger Rabah Madjer.

Belloumi, African Footballer of the Year who had a brilliant game, waltzed into the penalty area to sweep in a shot which could only be deflected away from goal.

Madjer, lurking on the right, fired into the net on the angle and was buried by his rapturous team-mates.

West Germany, who had won 29 of their 39 previous games under the management of Jupp Derwall, launched a furious counter attack and Algerian cap-

tain Ali Fergani and goalkeeper Mehdi Cerbah both received injuries in the onslaught.

The pressure paid dividends. After 67 minutes the Germans drew level as Karl-Heinz Forster released Felix Magath on the left. Magath's centre was met by the on-rushing Rummenigge who slid the ball unerringly into the net.

But Algeria's response was swift and decisive. Within a minute they were ahead again. Salah Assad broke clear on the left and when he clipped the ball into middle, Belloumi strode up to place it beyond Harald Schumacher's despairing reach.

After the match the Algerians exultantly accepted the homage of their several hundred supporters as the Germans beat a dejected retreat and Derwall was left pondering his pre-match statement: "If we don't beat Algeria I'll take the next train home."

England knocks the stuffing out of France

BILBAO, Spain (R) — England delivered a severe blow to French World Cup hopes when they scored an emphatic 3-1 win in their opening Group Four match in the San Mames stadium Wednesday.

Two goals by Bryan Robson of Manchester United, the first before the game was a minute old, knocked the stuffing out of France who now face a difficult task if they are to qualify for the second round.

England's impressive victory moved them up alongside former European Champions Czechoslovakia as the teams most likely to succeed from Group Four.

If the French are to make amends for Wednesday's defeat they will need to overcome the Czechoslovaks and put a clutch of goals past Kuwait, the Group Four outsiders.

England, the 1966 World Cup champions who only just scraped into the 1982 finals, were firing on

all cylinders as they took full advantage of the flying start supplied by Robson.

Midfielder Robson could scarcely believe his luck when, with some of the 44,000 crowd still settling into their seats, he was allowed to latch on to a cross from Steve Coppell in front of goal. But he wasted no time in turning the ball past French goalkeeper Jean-Luc Ettori to give England the initiative.

French fans went wild when Gerard Soler equalised in the 24th minute and France looked more threatening during the rest of a hectic and fairly even first half.

But the English outclassed their opponents after the interval and a second goal by Robson after 65 minutes and a third by Paul Mariner eight minutes from the end put the issue beyond doubt.

A major clash between rival fans had been feared but there was only one incident in the second half when riot police wielding batons moved in on a group of several hundred English fans to quell what looked like a minor scuffle.

Navratilova ready for Wimbledon

EASTBOURNE, England (R) — Martina Navratilova the top seed and bookmakers' favourite for Wimbledon, needed only three-quarters of an hour to win her third round match in a women's international tennis tournament here Wednesday.

After beating Romanian Lucia Romanov 6-2, 6-1 she said: "I am as ready for Wimbledon as I have

ever been but I don't think the odds of 6-4 against me winning are generous. It's tough to stay sharp for two weeks."

Fellow American Andrea Jaeger, beaten by Navratilova in the final of the French Open earlier this month, had a much tougher match. She spent 65 minutes beating Australian Anne Minter and was within a point of dropping her service at 5-5 in the first set.

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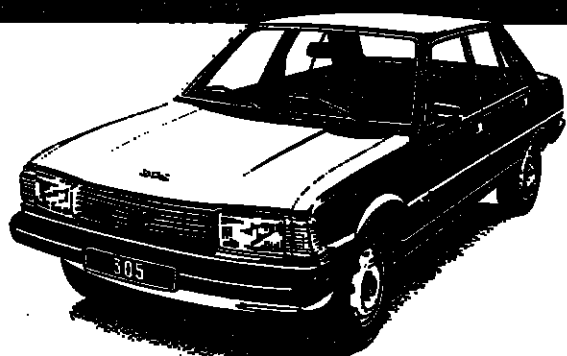
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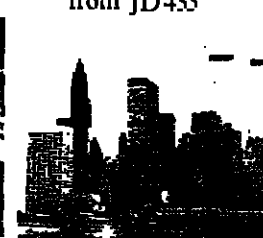
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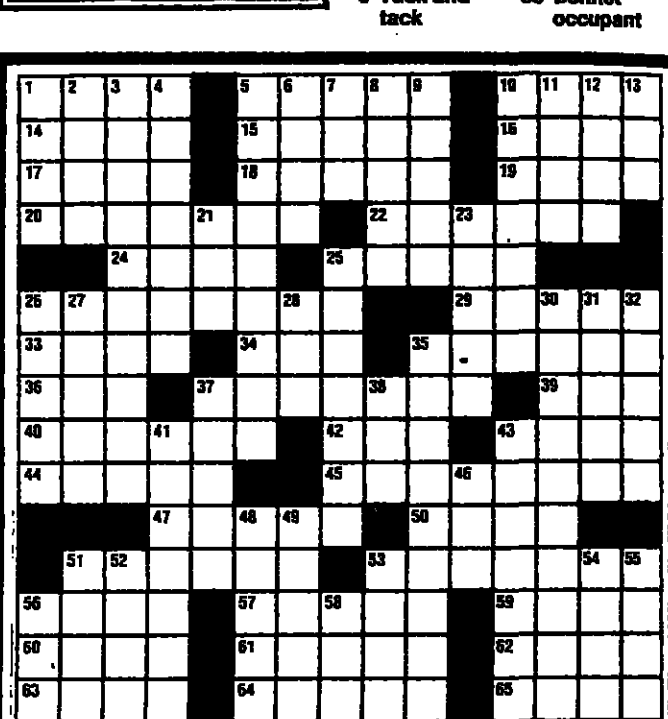
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WORLD

Pope hyperactive in Geneva

GENEVA (R) — Pope John Paul, maintaining a gruelling pace in his world search for peace and reconciliation, gave 10 speeches and sermons in as many hours here in a whirlwind tour of international institutions.

The Polish-born pontiff, looking every one of his 62 years as he flew in after physically demanding visits to Britain and Argentina, took human rights and the threat of nuclear war as his main themes.

Applauded by all but Communist delegates after an hour-long address to the International Labour Organisation (ILO), he firmly restated church support for free trade unions.

Without mentioning his troubled native country or its suspended free trade union by name, the Pope called for "a new solidarity" to defend workers' rights in the face of regimes that tried to regulate society.

With a special United Nations session on disarmament starting in New York, the Roman Catholic leader also expressed concern at the power and numbers of nuclear weapons.

He told scientists at the European Nuclear Research Centre (CERN) that such energy could either serve man or destroy him along with other life on the planet. Physicists at CERN applauded

his call for a deeper dialogue between science and the church, which he said were not incompatible.

Groups of Poles seemed to be everywhere the Pope went. A self-exiled member of Solidarity, journalist Bohdan Cywinski, was in a delegation of trade unionists at the ILO conference.

A 10-year-old Polish schoolgirl broke through security barriers to hand him a bunch of red roses. And crowds of Poles shouted goodwill messages at the end of a mass he celebrated near Geneva airport before a 20,000-strong congregation Tuesday night before flying home.

ASEAN countries urge Vietnam to find peaceful solution in Kampuchea

SINGAPORE (R) — Vietnam was urged again Wednesday by non-Communist Southeast Asian countries to support a political solution to the Kampuchea crisis and blamed for endangering peace in the area.

Foreign ministers from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) ended their three-day conference by blaming Hanoi for endangering peace and stability in the region but made no new proposals for ending the four-year conflict.

Vietnam has maintained 200,000 troops in neighbouring Kampuchea since January 1979

when Hanoi-led troops toppled the Peking-backed Khmer Rouge government in Phnom Penh.

In a joint communique the ministers from Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines and Malaysia warned Soviet-backed Vietnam that they would keep up diplomatic and political pressure until Hanoi withdrew its troops.

The ministers, who start two days of talks with the United States and other allies Thursday, reaffirmed that the crisis could be fully settled only within the framework of United Nations resolutions laid down last year at a special conference in New York.

7 foreigners go on trial in Seychelles

VICTORIA, Seychelles (R) — Seven foreigners charged with taking part in a failed mercenary attempt to seize the Seychelles go on trial for treason Wednesday facing possible death sentences.

The seven—four South Africans, two Zimbabweans and a Briton—are accused of treason, the only offence punishable by death under Seychelles law, as well as firearms offences that carry potential 20-year jail terms.

Six of the seven are said by the Seychelles authorities to have been an advance party for a group of mercenaries hired to overthrow the left-wing government of President Albert Rene and reinstate the man he toppled, former president James Mancham.

The sources said they expected much of the next two days to be taken up with legal argument over whether a foreigner can be accused of treason under Seychelles law.

Six of the accused will be defended by Nicholas Fairbairn, a former Scottish solicitor-general. The seventh, who says he is an agent of South Africa's National Intelligence Service (NIS), will defend himself.

Israeli problems in Lebanon

By Harvey Morris
Reuters

LONDON — International opposition to the Israeli invasion of Lebanon may complicate any bid to impose a political solution on a country torn by a decade of violence.

The first stated objective of the Israeli invasion force was to clear Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) commandos from a 40 kilometre strip of South Lebanon from which they could attack Israel.

Israel's sweep has now brought its troops to the outskirts of Beirut and the government of Menachem Begin sees the chance to destroy the PLO once and for all.

So far Mr. Begin says his troops will not enter the Lebanese capital to attack Palestinian strongholds while he embarks on a diplomatic campaign to find a long-term political solution in Lebanon that takes account of Israeli objectives.

The first stage, during a visit to the United States which began Tuesday, is to discuss formation of an international force to patrol the South Lebanon border strip now in Israeli hands.

But Middle East analysts believe widespread opposition to the invasion will act as a barrier to creation of such a force.

Israel cited the alleged ineffectiveness of the existing United Nations Truce Supervision Force in Lebanon as a motive for the invasion.

Analysts rated the chances of the United Nations voting to create a new, stronger force or beefing up the present one as extremely low. Any move within the U.N. would face the prospect of a Soviet veto.

They noted the difficulties Israel, Egypt and the United States had faced in finding contributors to a peacekeeping force that began operations in the formerly Israel-occupied Sinai in April.

Members of the European Economic Community (EEC) only agreed to participate on the grounds that establishment of the multinational force permitted the return of Arab lands to Egypt.

The analysts said any country which participated in a new multinational force in South Lebanon would be open to charges by Arab states that it was legitimising Israel's military gains.

They said the United States, which has not condemned the Israeli invasion, might consider providing troops for such a force but that, as in Sinai, it would want support from other countries.

One analyst commented:

Prosecution plans to rest its case in Hinckley trial

WASHINGTON (R) — Government prosecutors plan to rest their case Wednesday against John Hinckley Jr., charged with attempting to assassinate President Reagan last year.

Roger Adelman, the chief prosecutor, surprised the judge and the entire court when he announced Tuesday the government did not intend to call any further witnesses.

The government had been planning to call two more psychiatrists to testify that Mr. Hinckley was not legally insane at the time of the March 30 shooting.

The trial is in its eighth week and this unexpected development means the case could go to the jury as early as the end of the week.

U.S. Supreme Court upholds aliens' rights

WASHINGTON (R) — In a landmark decision, the U.S. supreme court Tuesday ruled that illegal immigrants in the United States have the same rights and liberties that the constitution guarantees to American citizens.

The 5-4 ruling specifically struck down a Texas law aimed at preventing the use of state tax funds for educating the children of illegal immigrants.

The U.S. census bureau estimates there are up to six million aliens living and working in the United States illegally.

The ruling mostly affects illegal immigrants from Latin American nations, especially Mexico, who enter Texas and California across the long and vulnerable land border with Mexico.

The decision could also boost the claims of illegal immigrants to other types of state and federal programmes such as food stamps, medicare, and other social aid.

Gen. Moore tours Stanley

The following is the latest dispatch from Reuter correspondent Leslie Dowd with the British forces now in Port Stanley, the Falkland Islands capital.

PORT STANLEY (R) — The commander of the British land forces on the Falkland Islands toured Port Stanley Tuesday night greeting jubilant islanders with the words: "I'm Jeremy Moore and I'm sorry it took us three weeks to get here."

The affable, slightly-built Maj. Gen. Moore met the people of the islands' capital after accepting the surrender of Argentine commander Gen. Mario Menendez in the secretariat building in the middle of Port Stanley at 9 p.m. (0100 GMT Tuesday).

"I feel absolutely great. It's a great relief," he told me. Gen. Menendez had arrived early for the surrender after talking by radio to the Argentine president, Gen. Leopoldo Galtieri, in Buenos Aires.

He shook hands briskly with me but when I asked him for a comment he smiled wryly and replied in English "I prefer not". He left immediately after the signing.

Gen. Moore paid tribute to the Argentines: "The Argentines fought very bravely, many of them. Now, happily, the killing stops".

They would move Wednesday to the airfield area and abandon their weapons, he said. Gen. Menendez had assured him there would be no attacks from Argentina on the task force.

Then he set off to meet the people, walking down the pitch dark main street to the barn-like west store.

The 125 people crowded there gave him a huge cheer and women kissed him while men pumped his hand. By the light of a dozen torches — a generator fire has plunged much of the town into darkness — they hoisted him on their shoulders and sang "for he's a jolly good fellow".

Rum and beer were passed round in an impromptu celebration party and toasts were drunk to the task force and Queen Elizabeth. The same scenes were repeated at the hospital where more than 100 people had gathered.

Port Stanley was quiet Tuesday night but three fires were burning. One was at a private house which had been used by the Argentines to store mortar rounds. There were several explosions but an Argentine officer said they were hand-grenades.

Falklands heroine

PORT STANLEY (R) — The heroine behind the Argentine surrender of the Falklands capital, Port Stanley, was a young woman doctor who braved shellfire to persuade the Argentines to talk to British forces.

Dr. Alison Bleaney, 30, a general practitioner, ran through the shells first to save islanders' lives and then to get the Argentines talking. Daily Telegraph correspondents A.J. McIlroy and Tony Snow reported in a pooled dispatch.

"If it was not for her — and I know, I am talking about my own wife — then I don't believe there would have been a truce," said her husband Michael, 44, works manager of the Falkland Islands Company.

Dr. Bleaney, who has two young children, told the reporters the islanders were very worried that the British thought the civilians were safe in a neutral zone while in fact they were sheltering in stone-built houses all over the town.

"I told the Argentinian authorities that we must tell the British about this or lives would be lost," she said.

"At first they would not let me use the radio. But I kept on at them and they finally agreed."

A local radio station relayed her message to the British Navy. Later, on her own radio, she heard the navy calling Stanley.

"I returned to the Argentinian communications centre and in the end they let me speak to the navy," she said.

"I told them no one was here, but an officer then arranged for them to call back an hour later and he would get Gen. Menendez (the Argentine commander) on the line. And that is how they got together," she said.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

ICRC arranges urgent aid for Lebanon

GENEVA (R) — The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said Wednesday it had arranged for urgent relief supplies to be sent into Lebanon via Israel and Syria until it could send planes into Beirut itself. About 30 tonnes of supplies were flown to Tel Aviv and 10 tonnes to Damascus, from where they were taken into South Lebanon by road convoys, the ICRC said in a report. In Nicosia, a senior Red Cross official said a relief operation for Lebanon had been mounted from Cyprus. A plane carrying medical supplies, food and clothing left for Damascus Wednesday. The Red Cross is also loading a relief ship near Limassol which is expected to sail for Sidon Thursday with 500 tonnes of supplies if negotiations with the authorities concerned succeed, the official said.

Canada eases entry rules for Lebanese

OTTAWA (R) — Canada is relaxing immigration rules for Lebanese citizens already in the country or with relatives here because of the fighting in Lebanon, immigration Minister Lloyd Axworthy has said. An estimated 1,000 Lebanese visiting their families in Canada would be allowed to stay and work for up to one year if they wanted to, he told parliament.

Iran, Libya to set up Islamic unity

LONDON (R) — Iran and Libya are to set up a joint "Islamic liberation army", the national Iranian news agency IRNA reported. The agency said the decision was taken at a meeting Tuesday between a visiting Libyan delegation and senior Iranian officials including the speaker of the Majlis (parliament), Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani. The high-ranking Libyan political-economic delegation, headed by the second ranking member of the revolutionary command council, Maj. Abdel-Salam Jalloud, arrived in Tehran last week for an official visit.

Kabul claims victory in Panjsher Valley

NEW DELHI (R) — Soviet and Afghan government forces claim to have seized huge quantities of rebel arms in fighting in the rugged Panjsher Valley north of Kabul, diplomatic sources said Wednesday. The official Afghan Bakhtar news agency and the state-run Kabul Radio have reported that rebel forces in the valley, about 65 kilometres from Kabul, have been wiped out. A spokesman for an alliance of seven Pakistan-based Afghan resistance groups said the rebels still controlled the valley and were still fighting against an offensive by Soviet and Afghan government troops. Bakhtar reported on June 13 that 30 rebel bands were eliminated in the Panjsher operations and that 1,000 party activists had been sent to the valley to assist the people and impart the ideals of the government. The sources said this appeared to confirm other reports of government attempts to populate the valley with its own supporters. Students and officials were reported as being ordered to take up residence in villages and towns in the valley, the sources said.

GOREN BRIDGE

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DEAR MR. GOREN

Q. — I have a problem about a bidding sequence that seems to occur frequently. Suppose that you have a balanced minimum opening bid, about 13 HCP, and a five-card major suit. But your partner opens one of a minor in front of you and, over your one of a major response, he rebids one no trump. How do you go about showing your hand? A jump in your five-card suit, which may not be overly robust, is unthinkable; a simple rebid of your suit or a rebid of a lower-ranking suit, is unforfeitable because neither action is forcing and more than likely will be passed; and a jump in no trump is disagreeable since you might not have a stopper in one of the suits. What do you suggest? — P. Hill, Seattle, Wash.

(This question has been awarded the weekly prize.) A. — I can understand why you have problems—there is no single rule to cover all situations, so each hand has to be treated on its own merits. You could shoot out three no trump and hope for the best—with an opening bid facing an opening bid, three no trump is unlikely to be disastrous and is almost sure to have some play. But there are many hands that might play better in the 5-3 major fit if it exists, or in partner's suit if you have a fit there. So you should try to find out as much as you can about partner's hand.

Let's consider a possible hand. Suppose that you are South and you hold:
♠KJx ♣AQxxx ○Kxx ♦xx
The bidding:
North South
1 ○ 1 ♥
1 NT ?

North might or might not have a club stopper. If he

doesn't, three no trump might have no play while four hearts or five diamonds could be laydown. You cannot rebid two diamonds or two hearts, because both are non-forcing; a jump to three diamonds would promise better diamonds and a more unbalanced hand; and your heart suit is too weak for you to even consider a jump to three hearts.

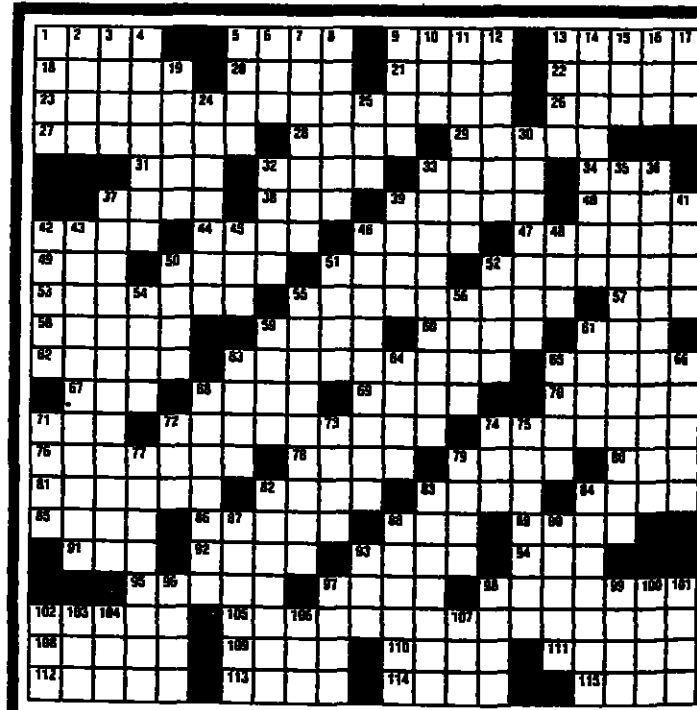
However, it is not impossible to find a forcing bid on this hand that will enable you to learn what partner has. You simply rebid two spades—a bid in a new suit higher ranking than your first is forcing. Don't worry about the possibility of partner raising to three spades—he denied four spades when he bid one no trump over your one heart response. But now partner can give preference to three hearts if he has three cards in the suit, or rebid his own five-card diamond suit with a shaky club stopper, or bid no trump with clubs well stopped. No matter what, you will be much better placed to decide which game you want to play.

Now switch the black suits round, giving you a doubleton spade and three clubs to the king-jack. You can't rebid two clubs because that would not be forcing. And a jump to three clubs could land you in trouble. You probably just have to gamble out three no trump and hope that partner has spades stopped.

You do have a margin of security. If partner held three hearts and nothing in spades, he might have opted to raise hearts rather than bid one no trump. After all, he must be aware that the defenders like to lead the unbid major against no trump contracts.

THE WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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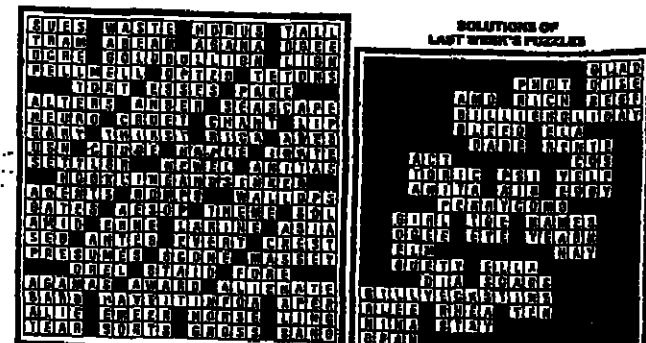


Last Week's Cryptograms

1. Determined seafarer on a surfboard drifted to submerged freedom.
2. One delightful vacation site for barbeque lovers: the grate outdoors.
3. A homeward nurse calls some of the hospital's impatient inpatients the traction fasten.
4. French queen chose onion quiche for supper.

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. HLOQU MUCH SG QILGJ PIAUR, OGJ BSTU
BUQHO, NOR GIX DLSYU ESY, FLY YPUF TOS
MQIFOPAR PQOYPU NIQU EQUAR YPOG
HGLC ESYUQU. —By Edna Dow
2. OILSMECS YNAWAY KLOOSK PEER PANFC
OAHAMA X IEG CLAW, CES CWNLYH OXTH
GAWZ X ZAPZ IXS CLAWI. —By Leda H. Jones
3. DHXC NXLOJ XJNWA ALOJH CPTCLXJH NJWW
DXH YBFI YBFT. —By Earl Ireland
4. STIK ATT AENDA RIB DUA KENRUG KBIGG
ERN DIUS? —By E.I. Livingston



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